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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee or examination of the above-captioned application. Filed herewith are: (1) a request for filing a divisional application of pending U.S. Application No. 09/881,033, filed June 12, 2001; (2) a copy of prior U.S. Application No. 09/881,033, filed June 12, 2001; (3) a copy of the executed Declaration submitted in the parent application; (4) a copy of the Assignment submitted in the parent application; (5) an Application Transmittal Fee Sheet; and (6) an Information Disclosure Statement with List of References Cited by Applicant.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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